The word “PEPSI” is a memory device to help you remember the parts of a well-written paragraph that include reasons to support your opinions. Today, you will write about your favorite painting from the paintings you’ve chosen.

**PARTS OF A PEPSI PARAGRAPH**

**P**
**Point:** The main idea or topic should be the first sentence.

*Ex: Friday is the best day of the week.*

Our class example:
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**E**
**Explanation:** 1 or 2 sentences that explain what your “Point” means.

*Ex: Friday is a combination of both the school week and the weekend.*

Our class example:
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Name: _____________________________ Date: _______________________
**P**

**Proof:** 3 examples that support your “Explanation.”

*Ex: You get to see all of your friends at school. You can stay up later because you don’t have school the next day. Your parents will let you do more fun things after school.*

Our class example:

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**S**

**Signal + a comma (,):** Use a word or phrase that tells the reader your paragraph is about to end.

*Ex: Obviously,*

**Class brainstorm of signal words:**

Our class example:

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In other words: Rewrite your “Point” using different words.

Ex: Obviously, no day is better than Friday!

Our class example:

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Write Your Own PEPSI Paragraph

Using the notes you made on your 3 paintings, write a PEPSI paragraph about the following question.

Question: Which is your favorite landscape painting and why?

Point: (1 sentence)
Summarize your opinion.
Do NOT repeat the question.

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Explanation: (1 or 2 sentences)
Look at your Point. Imagine somebody asks you, “Why did you just write this?” Answer that question here without repeating your point or using “because”.

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Proof: (3 sentences)
Give THREE specific examples of your “Explanation.”

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Signal + , + In Other Words (1 sentence)
Use a word or phrase from the class brainstorm box and join it to your “Point” rewritten in DIFFERENT words.

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MY FAVORITE LANDSCAPE:
Rewrite your complete PEPSI paragraph here.

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